

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4013

Introduced by

Senators Solberg, Bercier, Klein

Representatives Boucher, Lemieux, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution approving the location, construction, and operation of a hydroelectric
2 transmission facility from Rugby to the Canadian border.

3 **WHEREAS**, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy Inc., public utilities doing
4 business in this state, have proposed the construction of a 230-kilovolt transmission facility from
5 Rugby to the Canadian border; and

6 **WHEREAS**, at the Canadian border the facility will connect with a facility originating at
7 Glenboro, Manitoba, being constructed by Manitoba Hydro, a Canadian public utility; and

8 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-09.1 requires that the
9 Legislative Assembly approve the facility by concurrent resolution; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the facility will provide an incremental 200 megawatts of transfer capability
11 between Manitoba and the United States, a significant reliability of load-serving reinforcement in
12 north central North Dakota, an opportunity for North Dakota power plants to increase
13 production, and geographic diversity in line-routing ties between the United States and Canada;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is the policy of this state to route transmission facilities in an orderly
16 manner compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources, and that
17 routes be chosen that minimize adverse human environmental impact while ensuring continued
18 system reliability and integrity and ensuring that the energy needs of this state are met in an
19 orderly and timely fashion; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission has found that the location, construction,
21 and operation of the facility will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon
22 the welfare of the citizens of this state and, accordingly, has issued a certificate of corridor
23 compatibility and a route permit for the facility;

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
25 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

1 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly finds that the facility has met the
2 requirements of the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Siting Act contained in
3 Chapter 49-22 and the Legislative Assembly approves the location, construction, and operation
4 of a hydroelectric transmission facility from Rugby to the Canadian border.